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SUBJECT: Research on VC Manpower Questions

Now that we have reorganized the Vietnam research effort in OER we are ready to undertake a series of in-depth studies on the crucial questions of manpower -- manpower resources, recruitment, losses, and enemy strengths by categories (political cadre, administrative services, guerrillas, self defense forces and the like). These undertakings will probably result in answers substantially different from those agreed for NIE 14.3 and from MACV holdings. Thus the estimates will be politically sensitive. As the program proceeds we will be able to make progress reports that will give us some idea as to how sensitive our findings are likely to be. Since the program is so sensitive, and requires sizable inputs, it might be in order to tell the DCI what we are doing. I also would be reluctant to undertake such a vast and important effort without assurance that the product will be published. At a minimum its distribution should be to those key officials in Washington most concerned with the war; ideally results should be given the same distribution as our normal research product.

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